

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
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In re application of:

Tom Blomme et al.

Serial No: 09/701,349
PCT/DE99/00918 (25 March 1999)

Filed November 28, 2000

Art Unit:

For: RF CONNECTOR WITH CUTTING EDGES

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37 C.F.R. § 1.47

Joint inventor, Tom Blomme, of the subject patent application has refused to join the attached application for an RF Connecting with Cutting Edges, which obtains priority from the PCT/DE99/00918 Patent Application referenced above. Evidence of joint inventor Tom Blomme's refusal to join the application is provided in the attached Affidavit of by Marion Heinz-Schafer, who has personal knowledge of the facts contained therein, and is the legal representative for joint inventors, Jan Dessen, Marcus Schulte, Martin Sträb, Edgard Acke, Joris Dobe laere, and Bernard Houtemann; and in my attached Affidavit. The last known address of joint inventor Tom Blomme is t Vrige 46, B-8560 Moorsale, Belgium.

A check in the amount of \$130.00 is attached in accordance with the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h). Please charge any shortages or credit any overages to the deposit account no. 02-0387.

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Respectfully submitted,



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AFFIDAVIT OF MARION HEINZ-SCHÄFER
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I, Marion Heinz-Schäfer, being duly sworn, depose and state that to the best of my knowledge:

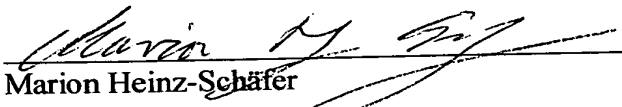
1. I am a European Patent Attorney registered to practice before the European Patent Office. I am currently, and have at all times relevant hereto been an employee of Tyco Electronics Schweiz AG, whose address is Amperestrasse 3, 9323 Steinach, Switzerland. I take care of the IP issues of Tyco Electronics Logistics AG and represent them in front of the European Patent Office.
2. I am familiar with the patent application for an RF Connector with Cutting Edges, having seven inventors, namely: Tom Blomme, Jan Dessen, Marcus Schulte, Martin Sträb, Edgard Acke, Joris Dobbelaere, and Bernard Houtemann. A National Entry Application was filed in the US Patent Office on November 28, 2000, in the name of Tyco Electronics Logistics AG and assigned Serial No. 09/701,349.

3. Tyco Electronics Logistics AG has retained Mr. Peter Hirsch, of the Munich Germany patent firm Klunker, Schmitt-Nilson & Hirsch, to prosecute the PCT Patent Application mentioned above, as well as to coordinate with other national patent offices for the filing of national patent applications. Mr. Hirsch in turn has requested that Mr. Eric J. Groen, of the law firm Baker & Daniels, to file and prosecute the national application in the U.S.

4. Our office received from Mr. Peter Hirsch, a copy of the Patent as filed in the U.S. Patent office, as well as a copy of the declaration for execution. On December 20, 2000, our office mailed to the above mentioned inventors, including Mr. Tom Blomme, the patent application and declaration to be signed for the U.S. Patent Application. The letter to Mr. Blomme was directed to his private address in Belgium, namely to:

Mr. Tom Blomme
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B-8560 Moorsele
Belgium

5. On about January 20, 2001, at my request and direction, my secretary Ms. Pia Mueller spoke with Mr. Tom Blomme who informed her that he had received the application papers, including the declaration, but that he refused to sign the declaration, and any further formal papers. I forwarded to Peter Hirsch those declaration pages which had been executed by the remaining inventors, and informed Mr. Hirsch that Mr. Tom Blomme had refused to sign.


Marion Heinz-Schäfer

5 June 2001
Date

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5 day of June, 2001.

Notary of Public

City of: Steinach

My commission expires: _____

Kanton: St. Gallen
Amtliche Beglaubigung

Die Echtheit der vorstehenden Unterschrift der
mir persönlich bekannten
Heinz/Schäfer-Heinz Marion Elisabeth, geb. 26.2.1962,
von Deutschland, Seestr. 49, 9323 Steinach
wird hiermit amtlich beglaubigt.

9323 Steinach, 05.06.2001

Der Gemeinderatsschreiber:


B. Helfenberger

